CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Summary of reasons for decision:

The document clearly presents instructions for making a dangerous device. The method is likely to seriously harm, or even kill, those who attempt it and anyone around them if the appropriate precautions are not taken. Caution is advised, but in a vague and brief manner, which younger audiences may interpret as a minimal risk; in particular, teenagers are at a stage of cognitive development that makes them particularly prone to risk-taking behaviour. As such they may be inspired to attempt to make this device with little regard to the risk of harm to themselves and others. The document is thus classified R18. This is a reasonable and justified limitation on the right to freedom of expression given the high risk of injury to the public good arising from the publication's unrestricted availability.